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Dear Bob:

Your postal card of congratulations was not only appreciated but I am delighted to know where you are and that you are enjoying things. Your message was delayed by an incomplete address but the P.O. Dept. finally found me.

You must realize that people like you helped me so much in my research and writing. You were the Crosby expert. You were the continual seeker of further facts. You were always more than cooperative. I thank you again for all of your help.

I also treasure the Crosby family picture which you sent me.

My wife and I were in Costa Rica about 5 years ago and we thought it was a gem. We particularly liked the Tortugeras estuary boat trips.

Three years ago my wife built and operates a large tropical butterfly house in a park here and we have had 300,000 visitors. We buy some of the chrysalis from Costa Rica and they come in by mail. We have just turned over the conservatory to the Missouri Botanical Garden so we can work on another public project. Even Costa Rican postage stamps have butterflies.

I want to hear from you as to anything we can do for you here. I can send you anything you might need or not need.

I have so much to tell you I think we should be in steady contact. I will send you if you wish my article on the history of the \$ sign for you have not read it. It involves much Spanish American background and that is what you are involved in every day.

My email address is EricNumis@aol.com. My telephone is 314-727-0850. My fax is 314-727-0820. My postal address is indicated above.

Thrive,

Eric P. Newman